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# FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

## CHINA.

### Hongkong—Plague—Smallpox—Plague-Infected Rats.

Surg. Brown reports: During the week ended April 6, 35 cases of plague with 29 deaths and 35 cases of smallpox with 24 deaths were reported at Hongkong.

During the same period 2,013 rats were examined for plague infection. Nine plague-infected rats were found.

## ECUADOR.

### Yellow Fever, Malaria, and Typhoid Fever.

The following statement was received from Passed Asst. Surg. Parker at Guayaquil:

*Yellow fever.*—This disease is extremely widespread, not only in the city of Guayaquil but throughout the surrounding country. Cases have been reported as follows:

APRIL 1-15, 1912.

	Cases remaining Apr. 1.	New cases.	Died.	Remaining Apr. 15.
Guayaquil.....	19	29	12	14
Duran.....	1	1		1
Yaguachi.....	1			
Milagro.....	1	4	3	1
Naranjito.....		4	2	2
Huigra.....	1			
Naranjal.....	1			

*Malaria.*—There are many cases of this disease in the surrounding 100 kilometers, owing to inundations during the winter season. The type is the estivo-autumnal and the medium of transmission the *Anopheles argyrotarsis*.

*Typhoid fever.*—This disease is more prevalent than usual both in the city and the neighboring watering places.

## GREAT BRITAIN.

### Liverpool—Plague from Vessel.

The medical officer of health reports the occurrence, April 27, of a case of plague in a member of the crew of the steamship *Italian Prince* which arrived at Liverpool April 19. The case ended fatally April 30.

The *Italian Prince* left Malta April 6 for Liverpool.